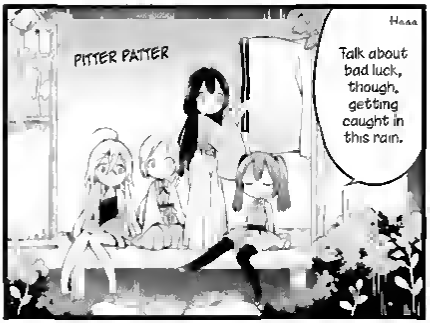
What's that supposed to mean? Cut it out, Koume.
Really...
DRIP DRIP
Oh?
Kon, you sure look seductive with that wet black hair.
Hehehe
A woman dripping with allure, as they say?

FSSHHHH
EEK!
SPLASH
SPLASH

KOUME! IT'S HAILING! HAILING!
PSSSHHHH
SPLISH SPLASH
She's calling you.
— WHAT ABOUT HER?
HAPPY AS A SOMETHING CHASING ITS TAIL AS THEY SAY

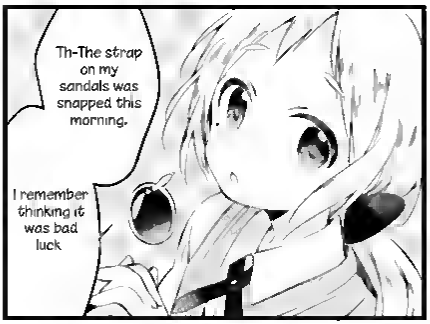
There's nothing else for it. We'll have to take shelter here.
What's up with this storm? It was sunny just a moment ago!


PITTER PATTER
Haaa
Talk about bad luck, though, getting caught in this rain.

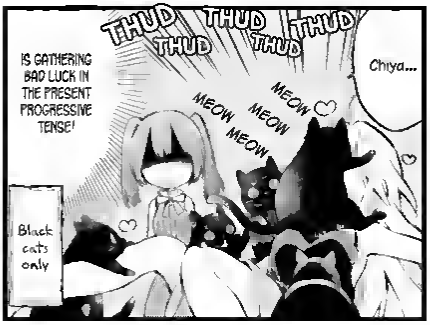
This sure is an old temple building.
I guess it's abandoned or something.

Oh!
You know, I broke my hand mirror this morning, too.
Not to mention I cracked my rice bowl this morning.
It must be my unlucky day
Such misfortune...

D-
DON'T SCARE US LIKE THAT!
HAUN—
I've got the chills This place is creeping me out.
It's like it's haunted...


Th-The strap on my sandals was snapped this morning.
I remember thinking it was bad luck

Tell that to the strange noises I keep hearing mixed in with the rain.
SSHHHHH...
SHIVE
ksh
schoo
ash


THUD
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IS GATHERING BAD LUCK IN THE PRESENT PROGRESSIVE TENSE!
Chiya...
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
Black cats only

k-shuh
I-I'm sorry... That's me
PA-CHOO!
ash

That looks like the worst kind of ill fortune to me..
A spider in the morning brings good fortune
Good omens, huh?
If I knew that good things were gonna happen, I'd be excited all day!
SHUDDER
I hate bugs

A FEW DAYS EARLIER
So as you can see, there are various kinds of omens of good and bad fortune
Sign. Natsume-ya

The opposite?
...but what about the opposite?

夜爪を切ると
手鏡を割ると
カラスの羽
黒猫が横
Some people call them superstitions or omens,
but these little everyday occurrences can hint at the future.
Quiz behind Nina
Cut your nails at night and...
Break a mirror and
See a crow's feather and
If a black cat crosses your path...

Bad omens...
When you know that bad things are going to happen,
what should you do?

But aren't superstitions just unfounded folk beliefs?
That's right. So it's up to you whether you believe them or not

DING
Oh, there's the chime for noon. Let's make that your homework for next week.
What should we do, Nina-sensei?
Until next time!
UGH, THAT'S GONNA BOTHER ME ALL DAY!

So you do believe, Nina-sensei
MUTTER
MUTTER
MUTTER
YES. OF COURSE THEY'RE JUST FOLK BELIEFS EVEN IF I FORGOT TO PUT AWAY OUR DOLL FESTIVAL DECORATIONS FOR THREE DAYS.. NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN RIGHT?

Hmm...
PIT
PITTER
PAT
But what could possibly happen to make this worse?
Gaaaaah!
WE JUST LEARNED THIS IN CLASS THE OTHER DAY.
BUT WE NEVER COVERED HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION!
OH MYYY...
What if this rain is just the beginning, and a prolonged storm blows in, flooding Labyrinth Town?
What?! Oh no...
It's certainly foreboding that all of us would get bad omens at once
Today must be an unlucky day to end all others!
Or if some oh-ghost haunting this hall curses us and all our descendants?
A curse upon you
TWITCH TWITCH
CHINA, HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING AT ALL?!
WE LEARNED THAT BLACK CATS ARE A SYMBOL OF MISFORTUNE, REMEMBER?!
MEOOOW
Eep!
Hey, these cats are warm and cuddly!
OH, THAT WOULD STINK!
REALISTICALLY SPEAKING, THAT'S THE WORST!
MEW!
Or if we don't make it home and miss dinner?
THE CATS ARE CUTE
CUDDLE CUDDLE
Ooh
BUT THEY'RE CUTE
MEW MEW

Why me?
Tch.
Fine, we'll make Kon the culprit.

A storm rages outside.
Four girls are trapped in a creepy, old ruin.

WHERE WE FOUND, WAITING FOR US.
WE WERE LED TO THIS UNFAMILIAR RUIN BY KON'S SCHEMING,

NONO, NOBLE LADY
EACH ILL OMEN FORETELLS DEATH!
SUDDENLY, A STRING OF MURDERS BEFALLS THEM!
CHIYA, SCHOOLGIRL

Kwoon
NOW WHICH OF YOU SHALL I EAT FIRST?

KON, MAID
ONE BY ONE, THE WOEFUL GIRLS BREATHE THEIR LAST.
WHAT DARK TRUTH LIES BEHIND THIS CASE?

WHEN DID THIS TURN FROM A WHODUNNIT INTO A FAIRY TALE?
Then a fateful battle ensued between the axe-wielding Chiyotarou and the Fox youkai Kon!
Giddy-up-up!
And who are you calling a youkai?

KOUME, YOU'RE THE ONLY POSSIBLE CULPRIT.
EXCITED
That would be a turn for the worse wouldn't it?
THE CULPRIT IS AMONG US!
How about something like that?
And what's with our roles?

WHIMPER WHIMPER
I-I just can't stand thunder
I know it's childish but I can't help it
CHIYA?
CHIYA?
I understand...

EEK!
KSHAM

Yeah, usually youd cling to Chiya.
But I'm kinda flattered that you came to me for comfort.
GASP
W-Well, you see...

RUMBLE
That made me jump.
Now it's turned into a thunderstorm
Will this old building hold up?

FIDGET
For some reason, Matsuko-san decided she wanted to stay home today,
so I don't have her with me.
So, um, basically...

WHAT?! SHE WAS HERE JUST A MOMENT AGO!
WHERE DID SHE RUN OFF TO IN THIS STORM?!
WAIT WHERE'S NONO?!
SHE'S GONE!
Oh!

I CAN'T SAY I'M FLATTERED AT ALL.
They both have beautiful black hair
Kon-chan looks a bit like Matsuko-san, so I couldn't help myself...

FLIP
MUAAA-AAAAH!
Found her!

This is an ancient ritual meant to stop the rain and call the sun.
It's known as the rain-stopping dance.
Kon-chan...
SNIFFLE
Anyway, don't cry, Nono!
I may not be Matsuko-san, but I'll do what I can.
Mother told me that such charms to still the wrath of nature are also part of an unara's duty!
I shall be the one to calm this storm!
DETERMINED
I've only read about this in a book, so I don't know if it'll work,
but I'll have to take that chance!
Just leave it to me!
GULP
I-I CAN'T. IT'S TOO MUCH
THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP
COME ON, NONO, YOU GOTTA LAUGH.
KON'S SUBJECTING HERSELF TO THIS SCHTICK TO LIGHTEN THE MOOD FOR US
KON... KON'S FINALLY SNAPPED!
WHAT IS THAT?

Huh?
Why do you seem to be having so much fun, Chiya?
Look, you're all sad and again!
Don't you see how awful and dire a situation we're in?

Y-You did your best, Kon!
SHWOOOOO
It's not stopping. In fact, it's getting worse!
I am sorry!!
RATTLE

HOP
But it's not awful at all!
Huh?

Koume-chan, I'm scared
HIC
HIC
Come on, Nono. Chin up

I've never had to shelter from rain in an unfamiliar place before
Sure, it'd be kinda gloomy if I was all by myself,
This is like an adventure! It's exciting!

BEING A BIG SISTER MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD
THEY'RE SO CUTE WHEN THEY'RE UPSET
IS THIS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE LITTLE SISTERS?
GRIN

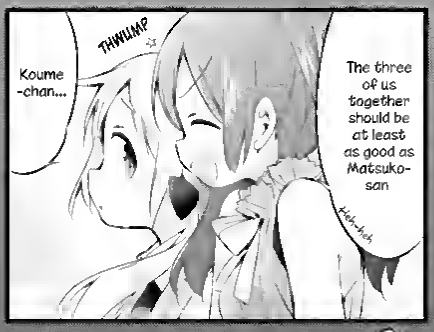
but when we're together, everything's so much fun for me!
Is that weird?

Wheeee!
LOOK AT ME, KOUME!
BWOOOOOO
THOUGH THERE'S CLEARLY ONE PROBLEM CHILD IN THE MIX!
STOP IT!!

Honestly, nothing seems to get at her.
Kitty tower!
Does this mean ill omens don't affect Chiya?
Hya-wha?!
Plus, thanks to this I learned what Nono's scared of!
GLOMP
... but, thinking back on it now,
we just spent all that time looking for misfortunes that didn't even happen.
TH-THAT'S NOT...
UN-TRUE...
SMIRK
By the way, you're scared of ghosts, aren't you, Kon?
Muee-hee-hee
IT'S UP TO US TO DECIDE IF IT'S GOOD OR BAD.
PERHAPS THAT'S THE PITFALL.
WHATEVER HAPPENS OR DOESN'T HAPPEN,
BLUSH
Says the girl who's afraid of scissors.
I guess we're even now.
So something good did come out of this.
Ha ha ha
...I think I might have figured out our homework.
YOU'RE SCARING ME!
GLAAAARE
That just leaves Koume's weakness...
SLIVER

SSSSHHH
It's pretty warm if we huddle together.

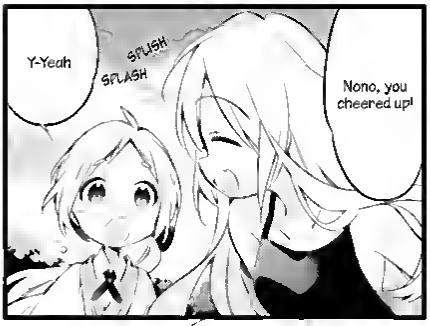
The ultimate form of thunderstorm defense!
HEARS DUTY
EARS DUTY
Um, what is this..
COMFORTING DUTY
but this is a bit much.


THNUMP
Koume-chan...
The three of us together should be at least as good as Matsuko-san

...wow.

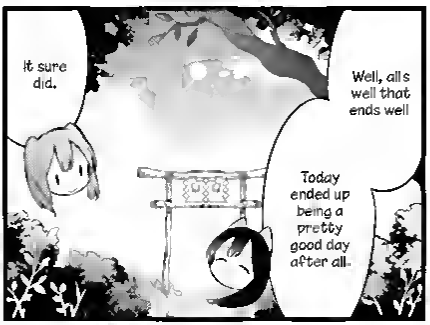
Oh, there's the flash!
Here comes the lightning bolt!
Three...
Two...
One...

All right! Once summer comes, let's all go watch a real fireworks show!
Yeah, let's!
That was a big one!
FSSSHHH
Lighting is quite beautiful, isn't it?
I never really watched and appreciated it.
We should wear yukata, too.
CHATTER
Absolutely! And we can buy candied plums and chilled sweet sake!
Gosh, always thinking with your stomach.
But hey, how about watching from a boat on the water?
I wasn't even scored.
It's strange, but...
since we were together, it was like watching fireworks.
There are still so many things I haven't experienced yet!
That's right. You'd better prepare yourself!
What are fireworks?
Oh
Of course. You've never seen them.
Well fireworks, you see...
Like a campfire?
I'm sure if the four of us are together
all of it will be loads of fun!
THAT SOUNDS A LOT SCARIER THAN LIGHTNING, NONO!
are giant swarms of fireballs that blow up in the night sky
Come on, Kaguya-chan!


Y-Yeah
SPLISH
SPLASH
Nono, you cheered up!

SPLISH
THE SUN'S OUT!

I feel like I've grown up a little after overcoming my fear of lightning.
It's all thanks to you, Chiya-chan.


It sure did.
Well, all's well that ends well
Today ended up being a pretty good day after all.

But it's sunny...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
Really? I'm glad...
Huh? More thunder?
SLUMP

The lightning?
I get the nagging feeling we were just swept along by Chiya,
CHUCKLE
but I got to see something nice, at least.

I must have caught a chill in the rain
GAAAH! NONO, KEEP IT TOGETHER!
I... I think I upset my stomach
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
SQUEEEEK

SHACHI.
No, the shachihoko.
Where was that?